

WORDS OF WISDOM.

Chapter Twenty One.

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It is well understood that in most cases there is strength in numbers. A General in charge of an army makes absolutely sure that his soldiers are fed well, strong and healthy, united and working as a team, becoming echad. A malnourished and divided army is much easier to defeat than a strong healthy united one.

There are numerous armies and enemies of the Children of Israel who want to completely destroy us. This has been a pattern throughout history and it is not difficult to find recorded events of these patterns and we continue to witness the continuation of these patterns.

*O God, do not keep silence;
do not hold your peace or be still, O God!
² For behold, your enemies make an uproar;
those who hate you have raised their heads.
³ They lay crafty plans against your people;
they consult together against your treasured ones.
⁴ They say, "Come, let us wipe them out as a nation;
let the name of Israel be remembered no more!"
⁵ For they conspire with one accord;
against you they make a covenant—
⁶ the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites,
Moab and the Hagarites,
⁷ Gebal and Ammon and Amalek,
Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre;
⁸ Asshur also has joined them;
they are the strong arm of the children of Lot. Psalm 83:1-8 [ESV]*

Let us fully understand that any who are against Israel and want to destroy us, are enemies of HaShem. Baruch HaShem, that regardless of our disunity and inner fighting, our Father in heaven has kept His promises to

never allow His nation Israel to be destroyed. Make no mistake we have suffered great losses and great hardship due to our disobedience and disunity and I fear this will continue.

Walls and partitions are the cause of disunity. There is great segregation between the Children of Israel, because there are great disputes regards what HaShem would say and is saying to His people. People hear the same words from HaShem but receive and apply them so differently. This will most likely continue until the appearance of Moshiach Yeshua Who will no doubt sort us all out. Not with standing this challenge we have added to our problems by employing words from imposters. We have allowed the enemy to enter the camp and sow seeds of destruction and we are required to remove these destructive weeds. These destructive heresies have entered because we removed the Torah from our instruction books. It is akin to a farmer removing pasture that sheep thrive on and allowing weeds to grow in its place, weeds that may look pretty and palatable but in fact are poisonous and offer no nutrition. This is what has taken place within the nation of Israel. Far too many citizens have removed the nutrition of Torah and replaced it with the poison of weeds. This may sound harsh, but that which is not from HaShem has no place within the boundaries of Israel and our people. Once again I am reminded of the words of the Master, often used in our writings and teachings.

“This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. Their reverence of me is worthless; the lessons they teach are nothing but human commandments.” Matthew 15:8-9 [NJB]

When we teach lessons from any other source other than from HaShem via His Torah and HaMoshiach Yeshua, we quickly find ourselves divided and weakened by the array of so-called mans wisdom. We have witnessed the removal of the Moedim from Christianity and replaced by the weeds of pagan thoughts and gods. We witness the refusal of accepting the biblical Yeshua as HaMoshiach and having Him replaced with the weeds of “words of rote” and the unbalanced worship of Rabbis. Yes we are to give reverence and respect to our leaders, but there is a huge difference between respect and reverence within Hashem’s biblical order and the out and out worship of men.

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who are working hard among you, those who are guiding you in the Lord and confronting you in order to help you change. Treat them with the highest regard and love because of the work they are doing. Live at peace among yourselves.” 1Thessalonians 5:12-13 [CJB]

It is no easy task finding a shepherd who holds in his hands the nutrition of both Moshiach Yeshua and Torah, yet we must search for such shepherds. We need to gather as echad, brought together through the strength and wisdom found in HaMoshiach Yeshua and Torah. As a people we are to be held together by these wonderful provisions supplied by HaShem. These are our nutrition, these are our bonding, these are our only hope. We must begin the replanting process, digging up the weeds in our pastures that are poisoning the sheep, and replacing them with nutritious food that provides life to our very souls. Without nutritious food the body wastes away, becoming weak, succumbing to disease and sickness. People in such a condition can never defeat a strong well organised enemy. It is a sad reflection on the Children of Israel that we find ourselves in such a weakened condition before our enemies. If it was not for the faithfulness of HaShem we would have long lost the battle against our enemies. We are in such a weaken state that we do not have the strength to fight off the weeds that have taken over our land. Even sadder, is the fact that we ourselves have poisoned the good pasture and willingly encouraged the growth of these weeds. We continue to fertilize these poisonous weeds, allowing them to choke out the nutritious pasture that HaShem is trying to bring forward. While we continue to dine out on these noxious weeds, made up of various species, we will never become echad, having the strength and wisdom to defeat our enemies. We continue to disregard the orders of our General, Yeshua HaMoshiach, and continue on in total disarray. Take a moment to research in the bible what happens to Israel when we disregard instructions from HaShem. Why do we not learn from our history? Why do we continue to take walk our own individual road, constantly falling into the traps set down by our enemies? We are without excuse and if we continue in this vein we will no doubt endure more defeats.

Let us as one/echad uproot the weeds and replant the pastures.

May the grace, love and wisdom of HaShem and Yeshua HaMoshiach be with you!

